

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please add the following new paragraphs after the paragraph number 39, ending on line 12 of page 7:

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(B) For the purposes of the present invention, the term "transverse" refers to a direction extending from the proximal end to the distal end or the distal end to the proximal end of an optical receptacle, transceiver housing, or transceiver cage of the present invention. For example, the shared walls shown in the embodiments of the present invention illustrated in FIGS. 4, 5, 6A-6E, 7A-7E extend in a transverse direction.

For the purpose of the present invention, the term "longitudinal" refers to a direction perpendicular the transverse direction. For example, the optical receptacles shown in the embodiments of the present invention illustrated in FIGS. 4, 5, 6A-6E, 7A-7E are arranged in a longitudinal direction with respect to each other.

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